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SUBJECT : TRAVEL OF ADMIRAL SOONG, ROC CGS

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1. ADMIRAL SOONG CHANG-CHIH'S TRIP TO THE U.S. IS  
APPARENTLY BEING ARRANGED BY ROC EMBASSY WASHINGTON.  
REF B GIVES BASIC OUTLINES OF INFORMATION ROC IS GIVING  
OUT HERE. ADMIRAL SOONG WILL BE THE ROC PRESIDENT'S  
REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF  
PARAGUAY. SOONG WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TRIP TO VISIT  
URUGUAY AND THE UNITED STATES ON HIS RETURN. THERE HAS  
APPARENTLY ALSO BEEN SOME QUESTION OF SOONG'S VISITING  
SOUTH AFRICA ON HIS WAY TO PARAGUAY. SOONG LEAVES  
TAIPEI AUGUST 9 AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON  
FROM NEW YORK ON AUGUST 20 AND TO LEAVE WASHINGTON ON  
AUGUST 24 FOR LOS ANGELES TO SEE HIS CHILDREN THERE.  
HE HOPES TO FLY FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO HONOLULU ON  
AUGUST 28, LEAVING HONOLULU ON AUGUST 30.  
2. WHILE IN WASHINGTON SOONG HOPES TO SEE "PERSONAL  
FRIENDS" SUCH AS THE CURRENT AND THE FORMER CHIEF OF  
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NAVAL OPERATIONS. HE ALSO HAS ASKED TO SEE ADMIRAL  
TURNER UNOFFICIALLY. IN HONOLULU HE HOPES TO SEE  
ADMIRALS WEISNER AND DAVIS.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS: WE BELIEVE THAT SOONG'S PRIVATE  
TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES TO SEE HIS CHILDREN AND TO  
VISIT PERSONAL FRIENDS WILL NOT BE MISINTERPRETED. WE

SEE NO OBJECTION TO HIS VISITING THE FORMER CNO AND THE CURRENT CNO IF REPEAT IF THERE IS NO PUBLICITY. WE LIKEWISE THINK HE COULD SEE ADMIRAL TURNER IF IT IS CLEAR THAT THE UNOFFICIAL VISIT WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. IF SOONG WERE TO SEE ADMIRALS WEISNER AND DAVIS WE THINK PUBLICITY IS LIKELY IN VIEW OF THE ROC'S PERCEIVED INTEREST IN HAVING SUCH MEETINGS COME TO PUBLIC ATTENTION.

4. GIVEN THE LIKELIHOOD THAT ADMIRAL SOONG WOULD EXTEND INVITATIONS TO SOME OF HIS HIGH LEVEL AMERICAN FRIENDS TO VISIT THE ROC, WE THINK IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR THE USG TO ADDRESS IN ADVANCE THE QUESTION OF SUCH VISITS AND MAKE SURE THAT ONLY SUCH RETURN VISITS AS THE USG DEEMS DESIRABLE DURING THE COMING MONTHS BE ACCEPTED EVEN TENTATIVELY.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT ADMIRAL SOONG MAY ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE FOOD CHAIN TEN EXERCISE FOR 1979 IN HIS CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND/OR HONOLULU (REF C). WE RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON DECIDE PROMPTLY ON USG POSITION CONCERNING FOOD CHAIN SO THAT SOONG WILL NOT BE MISLED; PLEASE INFORM US OF DECISION ALSO. UNGER

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